

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Jim Tenpenny began his military career in 1986 when he enlisted in the Army as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Ga. Following jump school, he was assigned to Vicenza, Italy where he served in the Recon platoon of the 3/325th Airborne Battalion Combat Team. In June, 1989 he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division where he served as a team leader and weapons squad leader in the 3/504th PIR.

Upon leaving active duty in May 1991, LTC Tenpenny attended Missouri Western State University where he graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned into the Aviation Corps in May 1995.

His first assignment as an aviator was at Fort Hood, TX with 2-4 AV, 4ID where he served as a maintenance platoon leader and flight platoon leader. From November 2000 to November 2001, LTC Tenpenny served as the airfield commander at Camp Humphreys, Korea. He later returned to Fort Hood and took command of A CO, 2-4 AV, 4ID and HHC, 2-4 AV, 4ID during OIF I. In 2005, LTC Tenpenny was selected to be Team Chief for the development of *On Point II*, a study of OIF I & II. From March 2006 to March 2007, LTC Tenpenny served as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan, LTG Karl Eikenberry. LTC Tenpenny's Key & Developmental job as a major was as the S3 for 3-227 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1CD, which included a deployment to Iraq for OIF 09-10. LTC Tenpenny and his family arrived at Fort Riley, KS after serving as Professor of Military Science at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO.

LTC Tenpenny's military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the Intermediate Level Education Course from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He earned a Master of Science in Adult Education from Kansas State University in 2008.

Some of LTC Tenpenny's awards include the Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards) and the Air Medal (2 awards).